

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A finishing composition comprising a mixture of abrasive particles and an emulsion, wherein:

the emulsion comprises water, a volatile siloxane having a boiling point less than 250°C and selected from volatile cyclic siloxanes, volatile linear methyl substituted siloxanes and volatile branched methyl substituted siloxanes, with the proviso that non-cyclic siloxanes have a kinematic viscosity less than 5 centistokes at 25°C and which may be 5 centistokes if the concentration of the non-cyclic siloxane is less than about 7 weight percent, and a lubricant selected from the group consisting of non-silicone-based mineral, pine and paraffinic oils, oleic acid, glycerol, polypropylene-glycols, and combinations thereof; and

the finishing composition contains 3 to 50 weight percent abrasive particles and no less than 0.2 percent by weight of non-volatile silicone materials selected from non-cyclic, silicone containing materials having a kinematic viscosity of at least 5 centistokes at 25°C and cyclic, silicone-containing materials having a kinematic viscosity greater than 7 centistokes at 25°C.

2. (Previously Presented) The finishing composition of claim 1, wherein the volatile siloxane constitutes about 3-20% by weight of the finishing composition and is selected from the group consisting of:

linear siloxanes represented by the average formula $(CH_3)_2SiO\{SiO(CH_3)_2\}_aSi(CH_3)_3$ in which a is 0-5; cyclic siloxanes represented by the formula $\{SiO(CH_3)_2\}_b$ wherein b is 4-6; and branched siloxanes which are derivatives of linear and cyclic siloxanes.

3. (Original) The finishing composition of claim 1, wherein the volatile siloxane comprises a volatile cyclic siloxane.

4. (Original) The finishing composition of claim 3, wherein the volatile cyclic siloxane is selected from a group consisting of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane, and combinations thereof.

5. (Original) The finishing composition of claim 1, wherein the finishing composition further comprises a volatile hydrocarbon solvent.
6. (Currently Amended) The finishing composition of claim 1, wherein the abrasive particles have an average particle size of about two to one-hundred micrometers or less.
7. (Previously Presented) The finishing composition of claim 1, wherein the abrasive particles are selected from a group consisting of aluminum oxide, silica, alumina silicates, silicon carbides, and combinations thereof.
8. (Original) The finishing composition of claim 7, wherein the volatile siloxane comprises a volatile cyclic siloxane.
9. (Currently Amended) The finishing composition of claim 1 wherein:
the water constitutes about 10 to about 60% by weight of the finishing composition;
the volatile siloxane constitutes about 3 to about 20% by weight of the finishing composition;
and the lubricant constitutes about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of the finishing composition;
~~and the abrasive particles constitute about 1 to about 60% by weight of the finishing composition.~~
10. (Currently Amended) The finishing composition of claim 9 wherein:
the water constitutes about 30 to about 50% by weight of the finishing composition;
the volatile siloxane constitutes about 5 to about 10% by weight of the finishing composition;
and the lubricant constitutes about 1 to about 5% by weight of the finishing composition;
~~and the abrasive particles constitute about 3 to about 50% by weight of the finishing composition.~~
11. (Original) The finishing composition of claim 10, wherein the volatile siloxane comprises a volatile cyclic siloxane.
12. (Currently Amended) A finishing composition comprising:

a volatile cyclic siloxane;
a non-silicone-based lubricant selected from mineral, pine and paraffinic oils, oleic acid, glycerol, polypropylene glycols and combinations thereof;
a thickening agent;
a volatile hydrocarbon solvent;
water;
an emulsifier; and
3 to 50 weight percent aluminum oxide particles;
with the proviso that the finishing composition contains no less than 0.2 percent by weight of non-volatile silicone materials selected from non-cyclic, silicone-containing materials having a kinematic viscosity of at least 5 centistokes at 25°C and cyclic, silicone-containing materials having a kinematic viscosity greater than 7 centistokes at 25°C.

13. (Original) The finishing composition of claim 12, wherein the volatile cyclic siloxane is selected from a group consisting of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane, and combinations thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The finishing composition of claim 12 wherein:
the volatile siloxane constitutes about 3 to about 20% by weight of the finishing composition;
the lubricant constitutes about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of the finishing composition;
the thickening agent constitutes about 0.2 to about 5% by weight of the finishing composition;
the volatile hydrocarbon solvent constitutes about 5 to about 17% by weight of the finishing composition;
water constitutes about 10 to about 60% by weight of the finishing composition; and
the emulsifier constitutes about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of the finishing composition; and
the aluminum oxide particles constitute about 1 to about 60% by weight of the finishing composition.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of making a composition, said method comprising:
combining a mixture of water, a volatile siloxane selected from volatile cyclic siloxanes, volatile linear siloxanes and volatile branched siloxanes, with the proviso that non-cyclic siloxanes have a kinematic viscosity less than 5 centistokes at 25°C and which may be 5 centistokes if the concentration of the non-cyclic siloxane is less than about 7 weight percent, a non-silicone-based lubricant selected from the group consisting of oils, oleic acid, glycerol, polypropylene glycols, and combinations thereof, and an emulsifier to form an emulsion, wherein the emulsifier is effective to create a stable emulsion; and

mixing sufficient abrasive particles into the emulsion to form the composition comprising 3 to 50 weight percent abrasive particles, with the proviso that there is less than 0.2 percent by weight of no non-volatile silicone materials selected from non-cyclic silicone-containing materials having a kinematic viscosity of at least 5 centistokes at 25°C and oily, silicone-containing materials having a kinematic viscosity greater than 7 centistokes at 25°C in the ingredients are used in making the composition.

16. (Withdrawn) A method of finishing a surface, said method comprising:

applying the finishing composition of claim 1 on the surface; and

allowing the volatile siloxane to substantially evaporate from the surface and leave a remaining portion of the finishing composition on the surface, wherein the remaining portion of the finishing composition is substantially free of oily residue.

17. (Previously Presented) The finishing composition of claim 2 in which the volatile siloxane is selected from the group consisting of hexamethyldisiloxane, octamethyltrisiloxane, decamethyltetrasiloxane, dodecamethylpentasiloxane, tetradecamethylhexasiloxane, hexadecamethylheptasiloxane, octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane, heptamethyl-3-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)trisiloxane, hexamethyl-3,3,bis((trimethylsilyl)oxy)trisiloxane, pentamethyl((trimethylsilyl)oxy)cyclotrisiloxane, and heptamethyl((trimethylsilyl)oxy)cyclotetrasiloxane.

18. (Canceled)